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STATEMENT BY INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

1. The International Council of Jewish Women wishes to draw the attention of the Preparatory Committee at its third session, as it has to the previous ones, to a form of racism and/or violation of minority rights which unfortunately keeps calling attention to itself and which has been practically ignored by the United Nations to date. We refer, of course, to anti-Semitism.

2. Probably the first time that this very old form of prejudice is mentioned in a United Nations document is the report of the Secretary-General on measures to combat racism and racial discrimination (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/11) to the forty-fourth session of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

3. The recent desecrations of a Jewish cemetery in France and of a Holocaust memorial in Germany are just two examples of irrefutable evidence that anti-Semitism is only too much alive and kicking. It is for this reason that we believe that anti-Semitism must be named as a form of discrimination and should have its place on the agenda of the World Conference of Human Rights.

4. Although we can develop this subject, and point to other manifestations in Europe - West, Central and East, in the Western Hemisphere and other places - we realize that the time given to the Preparatory Committee is short and so we are brief. We shall, therefore, repeat only that anti-Semitism cannot be ignored in any evaluation of racial discrimination and measures to combat it.

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